at the grassroot level for dispute resolution through mediation, conciliation and compromise, which can be institutionalized with community involvement. Consultation with State Governments would be undertaken by the Ministry after the Drafting Committee completes its work. The Drafting Committee itself would be consulting with interested parties in the couse of its work.

Opening of Indo-Pak Border in Ferozepur

*392. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Indo-Pak border at Hussainiwala in Ferozepur district of Punjab;

(b) if so, whether any negotiations are going on with Pakistan; and

(c) the status of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

New Spectrum Policy

*393. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for annoucning new spectrum allocation policy for GSM and CDMA telecom operators without waiting for the recommendations of Group of Ministers (GoM);

(b) whether PMO and GoM have endorsed the policy announced by DoT;

(c) if not, whether DoT would retract or keep on hold the announcement until the GoM formulates a comprehensive spectrum policy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The new spectrum policy has not yet been announced. Neverthess, the Orders issued on 29th March, 2006, prescribe only the eligibility criteria

for allotment of additional GSM spectrum upto 15 MHz (paired) and CDMA spectrum upto 7.5 MHz (paired) subject, to availability of spectrum; and not the spectrum allocation policy. Formulation of such eligibility criteria is a part of normal spectrum management function in this Ministry. The Group of Ministers (GoM) is essentially looking into issues concerning vacation of spectrum for mobile telecom services and upgrading the technology and equipment of existing users like defence and funding such upgradation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of above.

Land for Kerala Industrial Park

*394. SHRI N.K. PREMA CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal of the Kerala Government seeking transfer of unutilized land from Government of India Press at Koratty in Kerala to KINFRA for setting up of Industrial Park is pending for sanction; and

(b) the present stage of the proposal for land transfer and if the decision for transfer of land has been arrived at, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Request of the State Government of Kerala in this regard is under consideration.

Funds allocated for the development of National Highways

†*395. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the financial year 2005-2006 approximately twenty seven hundred crore rupees were allocated to all the States; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the amount allocated, released and spend and the number of States that have sent utilization certificates to Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The total

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.